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The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the Examiner's remarks in the Examiner's Answer which was mailed on May 18, 2006 as well as the final Office Action mailed September 14, 2004. This amendment is filed within two months of the mailing date of the Examiner's Answer (July 18, 2006) together with the appropriate fee.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 27 of this paper.